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MS PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation divisional
 continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of
pending prior Application No. 09/558,384 filed on April 26, 2000,
the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by
reference, by Shoichi OSADA; Eiichi ASANO; Shigeki INO; Takayuki
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for
SEMICONDUCTOR ENCAPSULATING EPOXY RESIN COMPOSITION AND
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2. The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

		LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE		\$750.00	\$375.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	9-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1-3 =	0	x 84 = \$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00
		TOTAL	\$1,030.00
			\$0.00

3. A check in the amount of \$1,030.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
 - a. --This application is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/558,384, filed on April 26, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application Nos. 11-118155 and 11-118408 both filed in Japan on April 26, 1999 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
 - b. --This application is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/558,384, filed on April 26, 2000 and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/558,384 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/____/____ filed on ____ under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

6. Enclosed is/are _____ (____) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.

7a. A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/558,384 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.

7b. The current application qualifies for small entity status.

8. The prior application is assigned to Shin-Etsu Chemical Co. Ltd.

9. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

10a. Priority of Application Nos. 11-118155 and 118408 both filed in Japan on April 26, 1999 are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on April 26, 2000.

10b. Priority of International Appln. _____ filed on _____ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and _____ Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

11. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

12. Address all future communications to:

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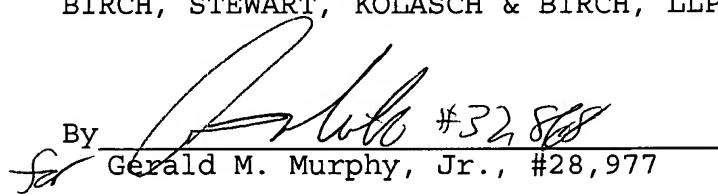
13. An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/558,384 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

14. Also enclosed herewith is the following:

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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